



WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY.—  
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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1904.

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## MAY FINISH IN ANOTHER WEEK

Senate and House  
Are Working  
Rapidly.

New Bills Introduced  
and House Passes  
Salaries.

Legislators are now predicting that the special session will be finished by next Saturday and if the work is carried forward with the same celerity which marked the House session yesterday, the prediction will be fulfilled. Governor Carter is already preparing for a banquet to the legislators for next Saturday evening, with the expectation that they will have completed their labors by that day, although the session may last a few days longer.

Governor Carter will send to the Senate today a message covering various deficiency items, many of which remain over from the last administration. The Governor is also preparing a bill which will be recommended to the legislature today, providing for an amendment to the loan bill. This is a bill allowing the treasurer to use his option about advertising for bids for bonds, provided he can sell the bonds at private sale at a higher figure than any previous bid.

The House acted expeditiously and in a public spirited manner yesterday. Without interruption the salary bill was passed as it came from the Governor, and the majority of the members announce their willingness to do likewise with the remainder of the administration bills.

The garbage and sewer bill and the assessor's bill also passed first reading.

Another day of expedition was witnessed in the Senate chamber. The evident sentiment pervading the staid body was one opposed to tinkering with the schedules of work as submitted, excepting by direction of committees that had investigated the various matters involved. "Let well enough alone," seemed to be the accepted motto. There were perhaps one or two snap votes recorded which may come up to be changed at later stages of the measures respecting which they occurred. In any event, the mistakes if such they were amounted to nothing compared with those that the Senate prevented being made yesterday. Smooth sailing would appear to be assured for the executive scheme of retrenchment as a whole.

Mr. Dickey's costs of court bill, while designed in the interest of the main object, may yet involve some risk of protracted debate, as in parts it involves radical changes.

The two houses will probably exchange the two main appropriation bills, each for final action by the other, today. This would be more than half the battle won on the fourth day.

### THE HOUSE.

The House passed the salary bill on third reading in record time yesterday. But one slight change was made and Kumalae did not open his mouth during the entire session. The House Rulers kept quiet and let the Republicans do just as they pleased. And the Republican majority pleased to pass the salary bill just as the Governor had recommended it.

In the morning, the session lasted but a few minutes, only long enough to pass on third reading, unanimously, the House expense bill. Then a recess was taken until two o'clock.

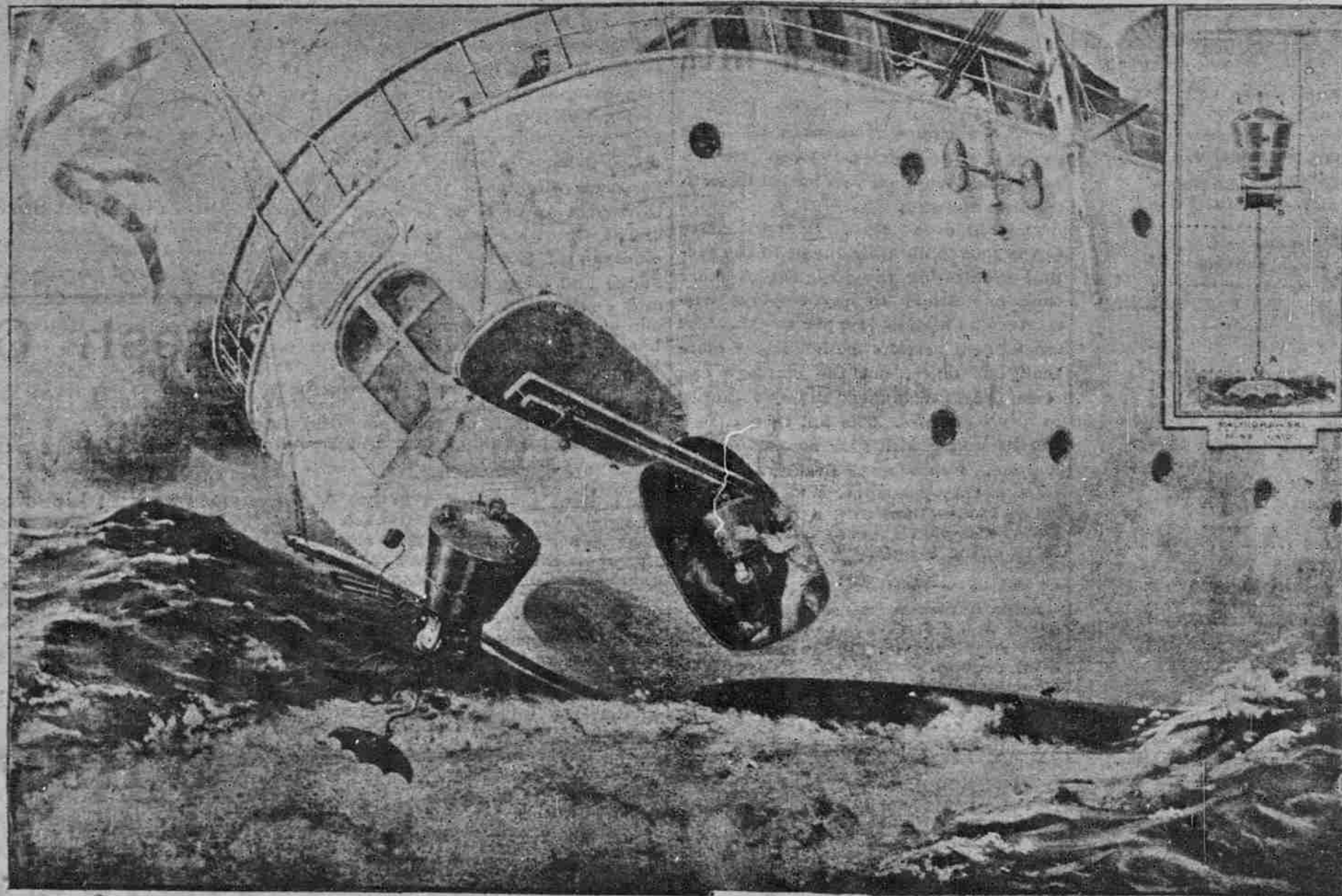
### THE SALARY BILL.

The salary bill was called up immediately upon the opening of the afternoon session. Interpreter Coelho read the bill through rapidly, without an interruption, and only an occasional glance at Kumalae, who was quietly (Continued on page 2.)

## PARIS HEARS RUMOR OF A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OFF PORT ARTHUR

Russia Negotiating for Argentine Warships—Believed That Japanese Fleet Is Covering the Landing of an Army—Russia Unprepared to Hold the Country South of Mukden—A Turco-Bulgarian Treaty—House Passes Philippine Shipping Bill.

RUSSIAN METHOD OF LAYING MINES.



THE ILL-FATED RUSSIAN MINE TRANSPORT "YENESEI."

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

PARIS, April 9.—It is rumored that a naval engagement has taken place off Port Arthur.

RUSSIA AFTER WARSHIPS.

PARIS, April 9.—Russia is negotiating for Argentine warships.

JAPANESE MAY BE LANDING.

WEI-HAI-WEI, April 9.—It is believed the Japanese fleet is covering a new landing of troops recently mobilized.

RUSSIA UNPREPARED.

HARBIN, April 9.—On account of Russia's unpreparedness it has been decided to operate wholly on the defensive. It is believed the Japanese cannot pass Mukden.

AFTERNOON REPORT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, April 8.—The Black Sea reserves are being mobilized.

The report of a reverse of Russian forces on the Yalu is denied.

CREDITED TO THE KING.

LONDON, April 9.—There is universal approval of the signing of the Anglo-French Colonial treaty. This is regarded as another diplomatic success of the King.

HOUSE PASSES SHIPPING BILL.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The House has passed the Philippine Shipping Bill.

A BALKAN SETTLEMENT.

SOFIA, April 9.—The Turco-Bulgarian treaty has been signed.

A MACEDONIAN EARTHQUAKE.

VIENNA, Austria, April 8.—Reports were received here today of an earthquake in Macedonia on April 4th, in which twenty-four persons were killed and forty injured. Fully 1,500 buildings were destroyed and panic ruled throughout the district affected.

## 電海報戰露日の朝今

●海戦の風説  
巴里四月九日發 旅順沖にて一大海戦ありたりとの風説あり

●日本の餌食  
巴里四月九日發 露國政府はアルジエンチン共和國より軍艦を買入れんと目下交渉中あり

●日本艦隊の行動  
威海衛四月九日發 日本艦隊は近日召集済みになりたる陸兵隊の上陸を援護しつつある旨信せらる

●露の軍略  
ハルビン四月九日發 露國は全く戦争準備の出来居らざる爲め何處迄も只防守の方法を得べく決定したり然して日本軍は到底奉天府以北に進軍し得べからずと信せらる

## MATRON'S SIDE OF THE MOONEY ABDUCTION CASE

The Examiner says: Mrs. Caroline Trotman of 375 Post street is the woman who brought Miss Mooney from Auckland ten months ago, who kept control of her and received the wages earned by her while here and who eventually, with the assistance of the police, shipped her back to New Zealand when the girl declared that she was of age and would retain her own wages and manage her own affairs.

"I was for nineteen years matron of the Costley Training Institute for Girls, a Government institution at Auckland," said Mrs. Trotman, showing documentary evidence in support of her assertion and producing testimonials as to her ability and character. "When Ida Mooney was 11 years of age she came to the school. We trained her for domestic service and at the age of 15 she was permitted, in accordance with the rules of the institution, to go out to work. As matron of the school I received the wages that she earned, bought her whatever she needed in the way of clothing, etc., and placed the rest of the money in a bank for her. She turned out to be a wayward girl, and while she seems to mean well enough she is not over-bright mentally.

"The stories that she is an heiress or the natural daughter of a rich and prominent Government official are all non-sensical." (Continued on Page 8.)

KEPOIKAI FOR JUDGE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—Attorney General Knox today announced that A. N. Kepoikai will be appointed Circuit Judge of Maui to succeed Judge Kalua, removed from office by the President.

## MEASURES OF TERRITORY SLOW

Hawaiians Take Up  
Some Important  
Matters.

Delegate Kuhio Will  
Not Resign His  
Office.

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Hawaiians here are becoming impatient over delays in the passage of territorial bills. The electric light and gas franchise bills are both now favorably reported to the Senate and House. Everything is waiting for the action of the House. Efforts there to bring up the electric bill have been blocked by objections but these may be overcome at any time. If the objections prevail for a while, the opportunity will improve after the present week, when the House will have practically completed its appropriation bills for this session. With the appropriation bills out of the way, there will be time to consider other matters.

Possibly before this letter is half way across the continent the franchise bills will be disposed of. As soon as the House acts there will probably be no difficulty in getting the sanction of the Senate. Mr. Foraker has already given notice over there of his wish to bring up those bills, but appropriation bills, too, are occupying the most of the time of the Senate just at present. Friday last Mr. Robinson, of Ind., brought up the electric bill and asked unanimous consent for its consideration but Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, objected because it was so late in the day. The following day Mr. Robinson brought the bill up again but objection was made by Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, and Mr. Payne, of New York, the latter having been one of those who made a bitter fight against the bill when it was first presented in the House weeks ago. If consideration by unanimous consent is refused it may be possible to find some other way, perhaps by a special rule or during some suspension day, which occurs once a month.

The prompt action of the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico on the franchise bills was particularly gratifying to those who are here pressing them. That committee met last week, having Hon. W. O. Smith, Mr. William Haywood, Mr. George B. McClellan, Mr. D. L. Withington, and others present. There was a brief explanation of the bills, following which they were ordered favorably reported. The Senators of the Committee promptly comprehended the measures before them. After some discussion it was agreed to adopt the two bills, substantially as amended by the House Committee on Territories, but the electric bill was changed so as to make the maximum charge for service 20 cents, instead of 17 cents, as fixed by the House Committee. The price of gas was fixed at \$2.50, instead of \$2.25, as fixed by the House Committee. A change was also made in the provision, allowing the courts to determine at any time what is a reasonable price for either of those utilities so that the language will be "That power is hereby conferred upon the courts of appropriate general jurisdiction," the word "general" having been inserted.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, was delegated to draw the report on the electric bill and Senator Foraker drew the report on the gas bill. Both these reports are substantially an embodiment of the House reports on the same bills. Hon. W. O. Smith, who has been here now several weeks, is very anxious to return to Honolulu, and had hoped to leave Washington today. He has been delayed by the failure of the House to (Continued on Page 7.)